

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(20)

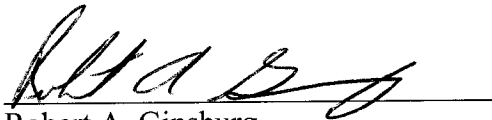
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 5, 2005

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Florida Legislature to
extend sales tax exemption
for solar energy systems and
components

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Katy Sorenson.


Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-5-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
EXTEND AND/OR MAKE PERMANENT THE SALES TAX
EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS AND
COMPONENTS

WHEREAS, solar energy reduces pollution, stabilizes our energy supply, reduces our demand for foreign sources of energy, and creates local jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has made legislative findings recognizing the importance of solar energy as a proven, effective means of reducing air pollution, while also creating new jobs, saving energy, lowering consumer utility bills, and stimulating economic development in Sections 377.703 and 288.0415, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has given statutory priority to removing identified barriers to and providing incentives for increased solar energy development and use in Sections 377.703 and 288.0415; and

WHEREAS, Section 212.08(hh), Florida Statutes, provides a State of Florida sales tax exemption for solar energy systems and component parts; and

WHEREAS, this sales tax exemption is set to expire July 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, legislation has been filed for the 2005 regular state legislative session to delete the sunset of the solar energy systems sales tax exemption, thus making the sales tax exemption for solar energy systems permanent; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Atwater (R-North Palm Beach) has filed SB 1620, and Representative Trudi Williams (R-Ft. Myers) has filed HB 805, both of which would repeal the sunset of the sales tax exemption on solar energy systems and components; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports efforts to encourage the use of solar energy as an alternative energy source,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Expresses its support for the language contained in SB 1620 and HB 805 and urges the Florida Legislature to extend and/or make permanent the sales tax exemption on solar energy systems and components set forth in Section 212.08(hh), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. Directs the County's lobbyists to advocate for this issue, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include it in the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Package.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, Senator Jeff Atwater and Representative Trudi Williams.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of April, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Jess M. McCarty